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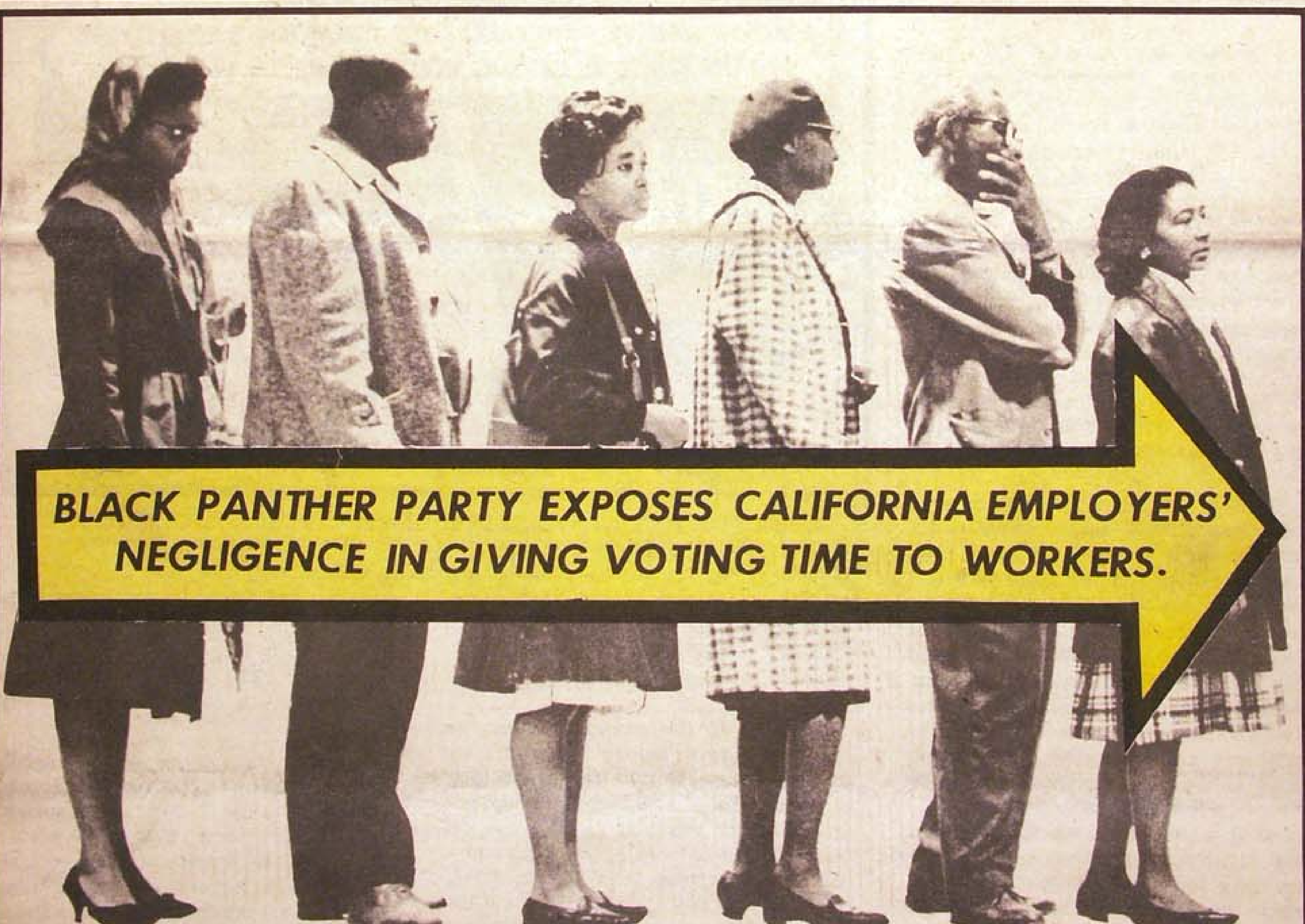


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# ARE YOU GETTING YOUR 2 HOURS LEAVE WITH PAY?

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SURVIVAL TICKET
VOTE FOR SURVIVAL

## BOBBY SEALE FOR MAYOR OF OAKLAND
## ELAINE BROWN FOR COUNCILWOMAN

# ARE YOU GETTING YOUR 2 HOURS LEAVE WITH PAY?

*There is a law on the books in the State of California of which most people have been denied knowledge. This law concerns the right all working people in California to have two hours off from their jobs during political elections, so that they may have ample time to vote. The two hours are to be granted by employers, without loss of pay to the employee.*

*Because this information has been kept from the voting public, the Black Panther Party is printing the following, so that workers in the State of California will be informed of their legislated rights:*




*All California workers have a legislated right to two hours off from their jobs during political elections, without loss of pay, so that they may have ample time to vote.*

A worker may take off as "much time, without loss of pay, as will, when added to his voting time outside his working hours, enable him to vote." (Cal. Elections C. 14440). The time taken off cannot exceed two hours and must occur either at the beginning or at the end of the employee's general working shift. The code section applies only to general, direct primary, and presidential primary elections. However, to avail himself of this provision, the worker has one obligation: on the third working day before the election he must give his employer notice that he desires to take off the two hours from work.

Although initially the statute was construed to apply only to those workers who do not "have sufficient time outside of their working hours to vote," the California Court of Appeals, in Benane v. International Harvester Co. (142 CA 2d Supp. 874, 299 P. 2d 750, 1956), held that any employee was entitled to avail himself of this provision, irrespective of whether he had sufficient time outside of working hours to vote. Furthermore, the Legislature amended the section in 1953, deleting a paragraph which restricted this right to those workers who did not have four consecutive hours between the opening of the polls and the beginning of work or the end of their shift and the closing of the polls. Echoing this liberalization of the statute, the Attorney General has held that all employees are entitled to two hours off without loss of pay, irrespective of whether the period is necessary to vote. (20 Op. Atty. Genl. 185.)

Due to this liberalization and the Benane decision, there appears to be no discrimination between workers with regard to this section. The statute is "unambiguous" -- and is applicable to all employees.

In addition, the employer must, at least ten days before the election, post a notice listing the provisions of Elec. Code 14400 in a conspicuous place at work, if practicable, or where it can be seen by workers coming or departing from work. (Cal. Election C. 14401). WILLFUL FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $1000. AND/OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING FIVE YEARS. (Cal. Elections Code 29001. See also: Benane v. International Harvester, supra.) This provision of the Election Code is considered part of every employment contract, whether or not it is incorporated into the contract. (Ballarini, in Behalf of Lodge 1327, Internat'l Ass'n of Machinists v. Schlage Lock Co., 100 C.A. 2d Supp. 859, 226 P. 2d 771, 1951), and cannot be waived by a collective bargaining agreement.

If an employer has been informed of this duty to post the election notice, and either refuses to post the notice or allow his employee time off to vote, the employees or any citizen may have an implied civil remedy for damages against the employer. (C.f. Montalvo v. Zamora, 7 C.A.3d 69, 79 Cal. Rptr. 77, 1969). In the alternative, of course, the Attorney General may prosecute the offending employer.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

# A LIFETIME OF SUFFERING-- AT THREE YEARS OLD

## THREE YEAR OLD JAMAL HUGHLEY IN CONSTANT PAIN FROM INCORRECT SETTING OF A 3½" STEEL PLATE IN HIS HEAD.

*Brother Jamal Hughley is a 3-year-old Black youth born with a hole in his skull. At the age of 1 1/2, Jamal had a 3 1/2 inch steel plate inserted into his skull. According to the doctors who treated Jamal, the plate (which protruded from his skull at the time) was due to recede (go further back) as he got older. However, because of the unprofessional and unconcerned methods of doctors who performed the operation, along with subsequent medical negligence, the plate began to later cause an even greater protrusion from little Jamal's forehead. As a result, he has suffered eye damage and nasal hemorrhaging. Because of the improper placement of the plate in Jamal's head, he is now threatened with permanent blindness in one eye, even though he has had to undergo at least four eye operations.*

*Jamal Hughley has received most of his medical treatment at the Michael Reese Hospital on Chicago's Southside. Recently, Jamal's mother, Sister Fay Hughley, made some attempts to transfer Jamal's records so he could be treated at another hospital. Michael Reese Hospital, which is directly responsible, through medical negligence, for Jamal's general miserable condition, has now even prevented Fay Hughley from getting Jamal other help, by denying her access to Jamal's medical records. According to Michael Reese Hospital, Fay Hughley would have to hire a private doctor who could then accept the medical records and transfer Jamal. Hiring another doctor, a private doctor, would cost additional funds and time - additional funds and time that Jamal and his mother don't have.*

*During the week of July 2, Jamal complained of severe headaches, while suffering from numerous nose bleeds. After repeated attempts to gain entrance into Michael Reese Hospital, still the only one he could go to, an appointment was finally scheduled for Brother Jamal. On the day of the appointment, Jamal was forced to wait 5 whole hours for medical attention. After this excruciating period, his family was told that they had been waiting in the "wrong department". Another appointment had to be scheduled, said the hospital. That appointment will be on July 18th. Jamal Hughley and his family must suffer because Michael Reese Hospital sent them to the "wrong department", which hospital had already caused his nearly unbearable misery by incorrectly inserting the metal plate, and been responsible, in general, for Jamal's history of medical neglect.*



*THREE YEAR OLD JAMAL HUGHLEY*

*A review of Jamal's family shows a history of medical problems caused by racist medical practices. Fay Hughley has actually given birth to no less than 18 children. Only 8 of those children have survived. She has attributed many of her children's deaths to improper medical care upon birth. Her son Earl, age 7, has an enlarged heart along with an umbilical hernia (intestines protrude through the naval). Earl's pathetic situation is the result of improper medical care at the time he was born.*

*Sister Fay Hughley and her family have not only suffered from medical neglect, but from many forms of social neglect, which point clearly to Black Genocide. The racist welfare office has failed to adequately assist her in receiving benefits she is entitled to under the "law", much less even advise her of those benefits. For example, the house in which the Hughley family lives has neither electricity nor a telephone. The electricity was cut off less than a month ago, when the janitor to whom she payed rent, died without paying the light bill. According to welfare statutes and information, however, the lights should have been immediately turned back on. Also, because of the medical condition of her family, she is entitled to a telephone, regardless of circumstances. These factors were never mentioned by the Public Aid Department or any of the Case Workers, much less by the utility companies.*

*Presently, members of the Black Panther Party and Community Workers at the Spurgeon "Jake" Winters People's Free Medical Care Center have been assisting Fay Hughley in finding help for her son Jamal.*

*The worst part about Brother Jamal Hughley's suffering, his family's suffering, however, is that it is not an unusual situation for Black and poor people in this country. Many more people in Black and oppressed communities are the victims of racist medical negligence and mal-practice on the part of doctors and hospitals, who are not operating to maintain a high level of community health, but to rip off a high level of the community's wealth.*

*To talk about helping the People who suffer daily, as Jamal Hughley does, is not enough. We, the People, must demand, with everything in us, that this racist government provide completely free health care for all Black and oppressed People, care to not only treat our illnesses, but preventative medical programs to guarantee our future survival.*

*ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE*

# "THEY TOLD ME I HAD TO BE STERILIZED OR DIE"

## RACIST DOCTORS TRY TO GIVE BLACK PANTHER PARTY COMRADE GENOCIDAL HYSTERECTOMY

Comrade Sister Lula Hudson, a member of the Black Panther Party, had been feeling very poorly for some time, and had been experiencing a great deal of pain in her lower abdomen. She had previously had trouble with infections in her reproductive organs, and it was decided that she should be hospitalized, before her condition grew worse.

Comrade Lula, whom her Comrades call "Smokey", was admitted to Moffitt Hospital, in San Francisco, on June 28th, 1972. Moffitt Hospital is a University of California teaching hospital. With a reputation among racists as one of the top ten hospitals in the country, Moffitt is, in reality, an experimental haven for "Dr. Frankenstein" personalities, who don't mind testing their theories on Black and oppressed people. What transpired while Comrade Smokey lay helpless in that hospital is a classic study in racism and Black Genocide. She was lied to, improperly diagnosed, harassed by the F.B.I., insulted and ignored by racist doctors and nurses, and finally, on July 6th, was almost rushed out of the hospital after being issued "clearance" for an early release. Comrades who went to visit Smokey at Moffitt Hospital brought back reports of the lack of concern and even open hostility exhibited by the hospital's staff towards Smokey, and all of the poor and oppressed patients there, in general.

The following is Comrade Smokey's personal account of the fascist ordeal to which she was subjected at Moffitt Hospital as told to the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service and Reporter Mel Knox (Note: The quoted conversations between Smokey and her doctor are documented on tape recordings.):

*The initial diagnosis I received at Moffitt, after I was examined by a Dr. George Melody and a couple of students, found that my uterus was retroverted to such a point as to be completely turned upside down, bound in that position by scar tissue as a result of having constant infections. Now, they also diagnosed, at the time, that at least the right tube and the right ovary were so badly diseased that antibiotics were no longer able to remove the infection; that they could only remove the surface symptoms of the infection; and that the infection itself was imbedded within the organs, so it was necessary, in order to stop the recurrence of the infections, to remove those organs completely.*



*Comrade Smokey questioned the hospital as to the whole diagnosis; the alleged "necessity" of her having a complete hysterectomy, at 23 years of age.*

*Now, yesterday, when I talked with Dr. Donald Galen, who is the Chief Resident Gynecologist here, and who was supposed to perform the surgery, a complete hysterectomy, they were supposed to remove the uterus, the right (fallopian) tube, the right ovary, and possibly the left ovary. He said that he agreed with the original diagnosis; that the hysterectomy was necessary, and so forth and so on. Now, yesterday he suddenly reversed his decision and said that he had, in fact, not planned to do a hysterectomy, that he had planned to do exploratory surgery to find out if a hysterectomy were necessary. Also, yesterday morning, two members of the F.B.I. were escorted to this room by a member of the staff here, by a nurse here...*

*Dr. Galen came in to my room right after that and said that my surgery had been rescheduled, earlier that morning. I had talked with him and we had already rescheduled the surgery for the 13th of this month. He came in and he said that this rescheduled surgery had been cancelled...*

*I told him that what you're saying is that you're not cancelling the surgery because of the visit from the F.B.I., you're cancelling it because of so-called indecisiveness on my part, which we had already discussed and we had come to an agreement on, that I was in agreement with the surgery as I understood it at that point. He then said, "Well, the hospital just doesn't want to get mixed up in the middle of anything like this. I don't know what affairs you have with the F.B.I., but we've been having a lot of strikes and we just don't want to get mixed up in the middle of this, and this extra time will give you time to straighten out your affairs.*

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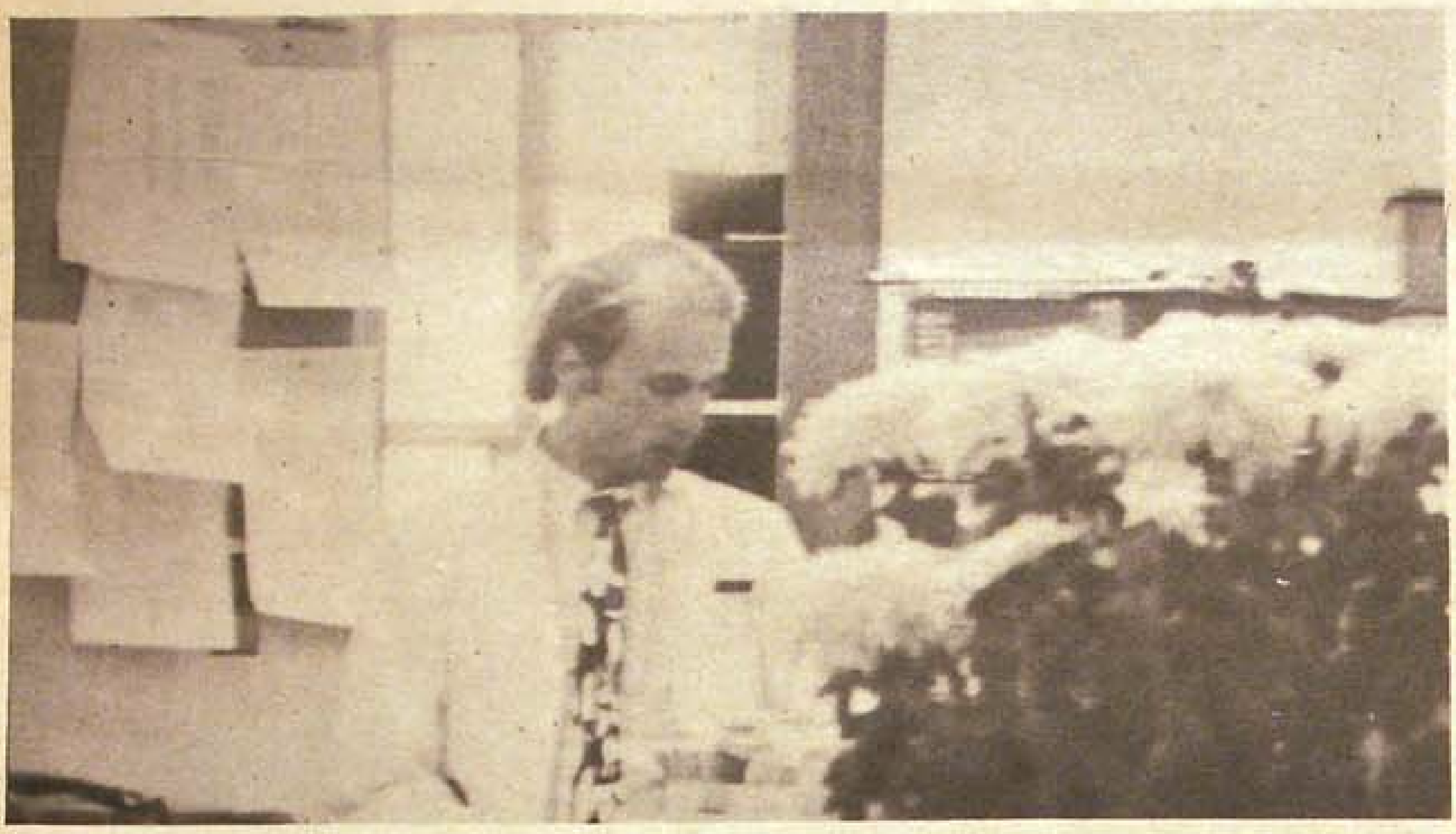
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*DR. DONALD GALEN, Head Resident Gynecologist at Moffitt Hospital, is the racist doctor chiefly responsible for bringing misery to Comrade Smokey, and almost sterilization.*

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*It'll give you time to think it over and decide whether you really want to have the operation."...*

*I then asked him the name of his supervisor. I told him that I was certain that he was subordinate to someone here. He gave me the name of his supervisor, and I asked to see her, Dr. Carol Braga. She came down and acted as if she had no knowledge that the F.B.I. had been here. She "wasn't aware" of any of the morning's activities at all, whatsoever. So, I explained to her the situation, how the surgery had been cancelled, had then been rescheduled, and then, after the appearance of the F.B.I., had been cancelled again. So, after I had explained the entire situation to her, she said, "The surgery will be rescheduled on July the 13th, when you can come in and have the surgery done." From talking with her, I gathered that they were under the impression that the F.B.I. people were here in some connection with the hospital. This is supposedly the whole thing, that they didn't want the hospital to have anything to do with the F.B.I....*

*It was at this point that we started questioning them as to the whole diagnosis, as to the actual necessity of my having, at 23 years of age, a complete hysterectomy, and were there any alternatives to having that done. With this, they went into a huddle. They had a meeting down at the end of the hall, and they became very reluctant to speak with us, to talk with us. I later asked to see Dr. Galen, again, who came in, and refused to talk because a tape recorder was on. Dr. Galen finally did say that all the doctors had agreed with the original diagnosis, but that he had not planned to do a hysterectomy, anyway; he had planned to do exploratory surgery... He then informed me that Dr. Braga, who is the Head of the Gynecology Department, and Dr. Ernest Page, who is the Chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, would be along with him, and that they would be in tomorrow morning to examine me. Suddenly, they were "concerned". At that point, he said they would confer and "decide just what was best"... After they had already insisted hysterectomy was the only solution...*

*This morning (July 7th), then, Dr. Page and Dr. Braga came (and I might add that Dr. Galen has been removed from the case)... Dr. Page and Dr. Braga examined me this morning, and they said that they agreed with the original diagnosis also. But, Dr. Page also felt that at this time a hysterectomy may not be necessary; that "maybe there is some type of heat treatment" that I could have, that might help me. He says he's more of a conservative, he has a conservative opinion. He feels that "we" should try this, "we" should try the heat treatment (pelvic short wave diathermy); to see whether this works or not. I asked him why wasn't this exposed to me before, why wasn't I made aware of this before, instead of just saying, well, you've got to have a hysterectomy. And he said, "...well, it's a matter of opinions"... He said then that he would need some time to observe me, and to find answers, because I had asked some questions as to, for example, how some of the symptoms that I had, like nausea, vomiting and so forth, were associated with the pelvic disease. He said that he couldn't answer that and that he would have to observe me for some time before he would be able to answer that...*

*Now they've discharged me from the hospital here. They discharged me today; they're getting the papers ready now, for me to sign to be discharged to leave this hospital. I'll be going to the very "exclusive" Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland, for the heat treatments. Suddenly, many closed avenues have been opened... Suddenly I have an alternative, where before I had none: "You have to get this hysterectomy, you have to have this taken out." Now they're saying that there is such a thing as these heat treatments that I could try. And I want to know why I couldn't try these things before. They were ready Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to remove my tubes, my uterus, and my ovary. Now they're saying that this might not be necessary...*

*You see, this is a teaching institution and when students come here they're orientated to, from what I understand, a teaching, educational, patient care, in that order, hospital... I was going to be used so that they could observe. They had even told me that during the operation, there would be other people observing. At this point, I think this whole situation is going to have to be re-considered... Because it's as though they suddenly discovered that the heat treatments were available... I intend to see other doctors; I don't intend to accept this diagnosis, because I accepted the first one and you see what that turned out to be... I don't have very much faith in doctors.*

*ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE*

# CAN THE POOR AFFORD POVERTY PROGRAMS?

June 22, 1972

LLOYD BARBEE...

There's been so much talk these days about revolution, change and overthrowing the system that I'm afraid some people are not seeing the forest for the trees. If the oppressed people of this country are ever going to get their fair share, they must become more knowledgeable about their enemy -- that is, the system.



*BROTHER BARBEE explains why poverty programs don't work for poor.*

Specifically, I'm talking about how this country, and the states and cities within it, spend their money. We're told by the do-gooders that so many millions of dollars are spent on welfare, that so many people received government assistance last year, and so on. Those who are determined to give the disadvantaged what they need to live decently must not be fooled by this talk. We must look beneath the surface to find out where the money is going and who is getting it.

The complexity of the budget of any governmental unit is overwhelming. As you move from the local to the state to the federal level, it becomes even more confusing to the average citizen. The bureaucratic walls that shield government from the public make it doubly difficult to find out how tax dollars are spent. The general funds, the sinking funds, the trust funds, the purchased services, the indirect benefits all bury the truth in a 1,000-page budget document. How do we know how much of this money is being siphoned off by the administrators and staff of these programs? It's strange that those who are running these poverty programs are often paid handsome salaries ten and twenty times the amount given the average

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# CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS EXPOSES GOVERNMENT CRIMES



*California Congressman RON DELLUMS led hearings in Washington, D.C. that exposed U.S. Government's criminal operation.*

Recently, the Congressional Black Caucus proved, once again, that the basic rights of Black and poor people in this country are being trampled upon. Led by Brother Ron Dellums (California), the Caucus held a four-day series of hearings (from June 26th through June 29th) in Washington, D.C. to document the fact that the U.S. Government is engaged in activities that violate its own laws. In these "Government Lawlessness" Hearings, it was discovered that such unlikely Black personalities as Roy Wilkins and Harry Belafonte are under F.B.I. surveillance, that Congressional allocation of citizens' tax dollars is being side-stepped away from goals of aiding Black and poor people, and that, in general, the U.S. Government is engaging in a number of other criminal acts.

As a result of the four-day hearings, Congressman Dellums and other Congressional Black Caucus members are notifying, through letter, the various persons and governmental agencies in violation of the law of the concrete findings. These letters demand action, action to cease these lawless activities, begin properly channeling funds that are ear-marked for the poor or face criminal litigation in U.S. Courts.

This is truly an historic moment in U.S. history and a bold step on the part of Brother Dellums and other Congressional Black Caucus members. With the total community united on these issues, this government will be made to act in our interests or find that a government of, for, and by the People will be instituted in its stead. For further information, below are excerpts of the outlined issues discussed at the Government Lawlessness Hearings, as they were presented in a letter, dated June 1st, from Congressman Dellums to Black Caucus Members and Hearing Participants:

*WELFARE*

*Early Screening And Diagnosis Under Medicaid: In 1967 Congress voted that AFDC children should have preventive medical care through early screening under Medicaid. Although this program was to be in effect July 1, 1969, binding regulations were not issued by HEW until November, 1971, after a suit brought by the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO). Moreover, despite the new regulations compliance is still nonexistent.*

*Section 1115 Waivers: The Social Security Act has a provision which allows waivers of certain federal welfare regulations, for short-term, limited "demonstrations". However, under the guise of "experimentation", HEW is using this section in such states as California and New York, to drop some protection for welfare recipients built-into present welfare legislation, and to test some of the most onerous provisions of the Administration's so-called welfare reforms before Congress had even approved it.*

*Food Stamps: As endorsed by Congress, this program gave a broad mandate to provide food stamps to enrich the diets of a whole spectrum of poor and near-poor Americans. However, the federal Food Stamp guidelines have been so restrictive as to allow only a narrow segment of those in need to qualify.*

*HOUSING*

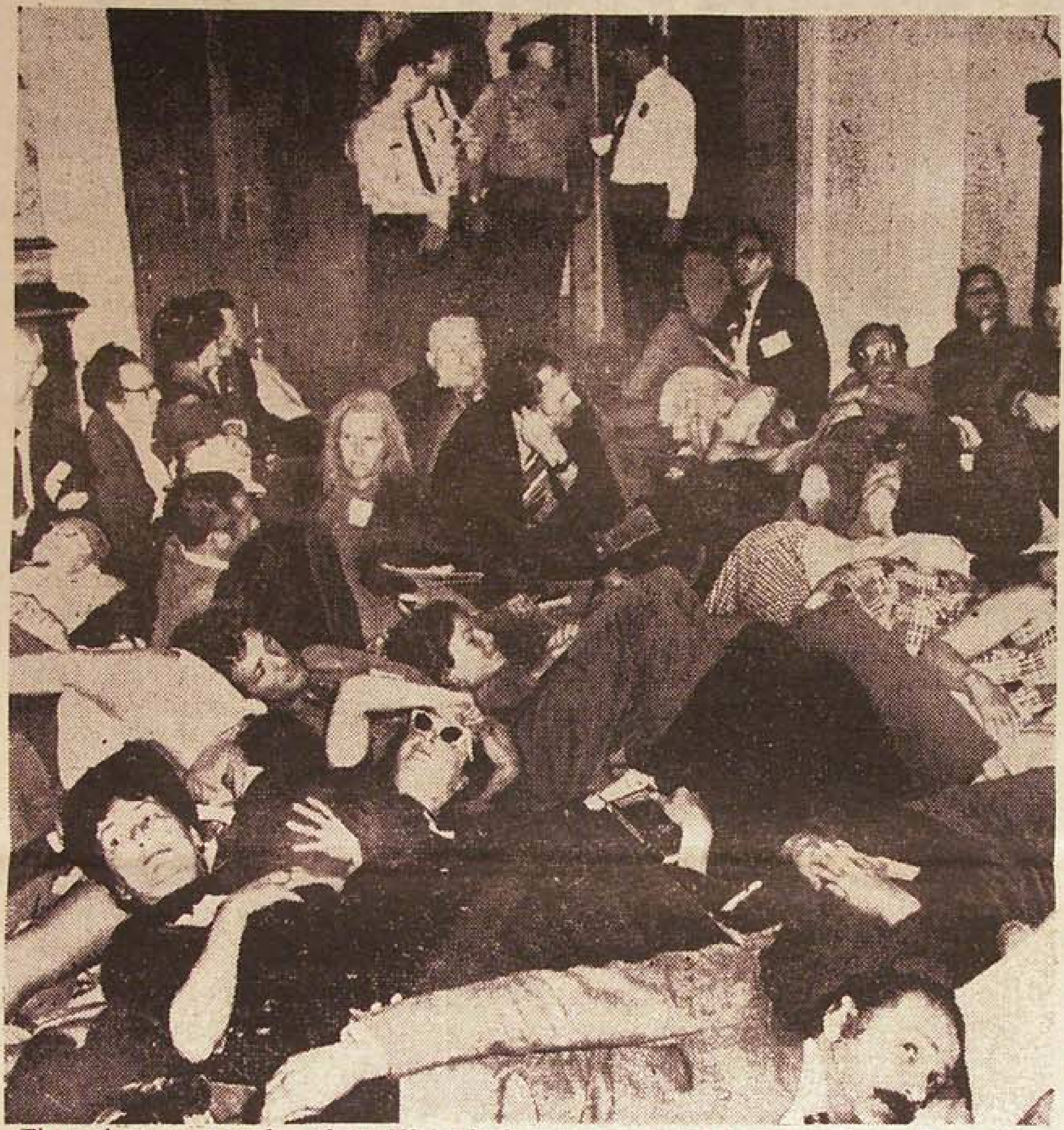
*Public Housing: Since the 1937 Housing Act, Congress has reaffirmed its commitment to furnish low-rent public housing for poor American families and the elderly. Recently OMB and HUD have virtually halted the program by impounding appropriated funds and by issuing regulations which preclude siting projects in many areas most in need of better housing. HUD had a backlog of 500,000 units approved and waiting for funds, which had been "frozen" by OMB. Then the department issued its "site selection criteria" and 410,000 of those approved units were "de-selected" after the criteria were applied. Those criteria, which also apply to other HUD programs -- urban renewal, moderate-income housing, federally assisted 'code enforcement -- so narrow the legislation that inner city neighborhoods no longer qualify for most federal housing programs. HUD developed and issued these guidelines without the knowledge or permission of Congress, yet they clearly contravene legislative intent.*

*Model Cities: In 1966 Congress expressed its intent that citizens should participate in the Model Cities planning process. For the next six years, HUD vacillated in its enforcement of these requirements, citizens had to resort to protracted litigation in many*

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# WE ARE ALL AGAINST THE WAR!

## OVER 100 PROMINENT PEOPLE PROTEST VIETNAM WAR OUTSIDE SENATE CHAMBERS.



*These humane people, whom Nixon had never expected to oppose him, lay on the floor and sang songs, which reverberated throughout and shook the closed Senate Chambers itself.*

The overwhelming majority of the American people have demonstrated time and again our opposition to the U.S. Government's genocidal war in Vietnam. To Black, poor and oppressed people, "The War" has never made sense. There has been, for the people, no justifying it with reactionary, insulting phrases such as "containing Communism", or "making the world safe for Democracy". We, the oppressed of America, Black, Chicano, poor whites, have been used as cannon fodder on the front lines of Vietnam in a war that we, the people, never declared; a war that even the Congress of the United States did not declare, as must be done, according to the American Constitution. It is clear, then,that this is Nixon's War, as it was Johnson's War, and Kennedy's War.

Millions of us have made our anger toward the U.S. Government and support of the Vietnamese people known, by taking to the streets in protest. We have demanded an immediate halt to this war through rallies and demonstrations, refusal to pay taxes that are used to uphold the U.S. reactionary war machine, or refusal to be drafted to fight in the U.S. Army against the innocent Vietnamese people.

The total madness of the war has not escaped the scrutiny of any objective person. We are teetering on the bring of World War III; it is Nixon's fault, and everyone is beginning to see that. Not only are the most affected people here in America, Black people, other so-called minorities, legions of youth who are eligible for the draft, as well as U.S. soldiers themselves, opposing the war, but the not-so-poor, professional and elite communities of this country, whose oppression can be said to be minimal, have taken a concrete and positive stand against the U.S. planned genocide of the Vietnamese people.

On Tuesday, June 27th, for example, about 111 people, most of whom are very prominent in the artistic and scientific professions, conducted a "lay-in" in the foyer leading to the Senate Chambers, in Washington,D.C., to protest the Vietnam War. Among these protesters were actresses Candice Bergen and Barbara Harris, producer Bert Schneider ("Five Easy Pieces" and "Easy Rider"), film director Emil D'Antonio, actor Jon Voigt, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Karl Hess, and Princeton University professor of law, Richard Falk. These humane people, whom Nixon had never expected would oppose him, lay on the floor and sang songs, which reverberated throughout and shook the closed Senate Chambers itself.

Senator Barry Goldwater, who, in 1964, made an unsuccessful bid for the Presidency, came out of the Senate Chambers to see what was happening, showing exactly what kind of President he would have made. He smiled, accepted a petition, and left. There was little concern shown on his part, and it was not expected. He supports Nixon and the War. Other Senators, such as Republican Norris H. Cotton, came out to show their disrespect for the people, also, by either ignoring the demonstrators completely or by uttering outright fascist statements. Senator Cotton, once inside the Senate Chambers, interrupted a farcical "debate" on appropriations for the Health, Education and Welfare Department (funds which the oppressed masses will never see anyway), with a complaint to the Senate of having to "fight" his way through the protesters. He also complained of having his picture taken: he said, "It (the picture) will probably be in the Washington Post in the morning to show how indifferent I am to the dear, poor suffering people -- and I hope to hell it does!"

Needless to say, most of the protesters were arrested by Capitol police, and charged with obstructing the passageway to the Senate. It is a positive sign when those who have "made it" stand in unity with the oppressed masses of America, with the Vietnamese people. We welcome their commitment.

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recipient.

This practice is not confined to government. It can also be found in the so-called service agencies like the United Fund or United Services. Many people give to these agencies only to ease their conscience for robbing the poor for so many years. But the directors of the agencies, who are already rich, are getting their share too. After everyone else gets their cut off the top, the poor are usually left with only enough to obtain "table scraps".

It's interesting to note that the Milwaukee area has built several new YMCA's and YWCA's in recent years. However, the biggest and best ones usually go to the affluent, white sections of the city and suburbs. The inner city and other poor areas which have a greater need than the wealthy parts of the city for the recreational, educational and social programs and facilities they offer are still without them. The poor are the ones who can't afford to go across town to get to the Y, or who can't afford the exorbitant membership fees. And instead of providing jobs and training for Blacks and other ethnic groups, the facilities are almost always run and staffed by whites.

This phenomenon of robbing the poor under the guise of helping the poor can also be seen in the fund drives of these charities. Contributions are tax free and the big tax breaks always go to the wealthy although the poor usually give a greater share of their income.

And who do the fancy, expensive awards and plaques go to? The big donors and companies who give only to impress the public and increase their business. True change will only come when we have all the facts about actual expenditures. Demonstrations, protests, sit-ins, and letters are fine in bringing attention to the problem and getting lip-service from the politicians. But what we need more than anything is money to meet the needs of the poor. A way to get it is for those who are not a part of the self-benefiting and protecting elite to vigorously and thoroughly investigate and expose the schemes of those who are. When you look into the situation, you will realize that in many cases, private money is not being raised nor public funds spent to promote needed change; rather, it is being spent by private parties and public officials to protect themselves from change by preventing it, making the powerful richer and the weak poorer.

# THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SUPPORTS SENIOR POWER!




*The Black Panther Party believes that senior citizens should be granted all that they ask, anything that gives them a more comfortable life. To deny them this is, in fact, to deny them life!*

*In a humane and civilized society, that segment of the population that is getting on in years is found to be the most revered portion of the society. Older people in such a society are looked up to and sought by those younger than they for knowledge and guidance, for the benefit of their long years of experience. They are looked upon as an asset, as human beings with a valuable contribution to make, and are given the utmost respect.*

*In America, which is the most barbaric society on the face of the earth, in the history of the world, such is not the case. The United States has shuffled its senior citizens aside, allowed them to be secluded in "old folks homes", denied them the right to work or engage in meaningful activity, and given them pittances, in the form of social security and old age pensions, which barely sustain their lives. Here, in this country, the old are something to be humiliated, degraded, made fun of or pitied. Growing old in America has become something to be afraid of; it means hopelessness and despair, in the September years of life.*

*On July 7th, 1972, in Oakland, California, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department "sponsored" what it called a Senior Citizens Day, to transport aged people to the Pleasanton County Fair, in Pleasanton, California. Funds for this trip should have been allocated by the Federal Government, for Oakland's Parks and Recreation Department has been accepting funds for this purpose, all along. However, it was discovered that in order to get to the Pleasanton County Fair, senior citizens of Oakland would have to pay the sum of $2.50 each, in bus fare. Spurred on by the efforts of Sister Ruth Jones, the senior citizens decided to do something about this, turning to the Black Panther Party. This obvious contradiction and slap in the face to the welfare and dignity of old and poor people, who have a right to the best, prompted the Black Panther Party to step in and offer to the senior citizens, free, a bus ride to the Pleasanton Fair. In doing so, Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Information Elaine Brown of the Black Panther Party, who are running for Mayor and Councilwoman in the upcoming Oakland elections, issued the following statement, read by Elaine:*

*"The U.S. Government places age limits on our humanity. After age 65, we are expected to quietly live out our lives in poverty: besides Black people, the group most highly listed among this nation's poor are people over 65 years of age. At 65, you can't work, but you are expected to somehow live on poverty handouts, and to grin and bear it.*

*"Here in Oakland, as throughout the United States, older people are being denied their basic human rights. Besides the bare subsistence level on which senior citizens of Oakland are forced to survive, senior citizens have little to do everyday. The City of Oakland's Parks and Recreation Department accepts federal funds to provide needed recreation for our senior citizens. This recreation is supposed to supplement the lives of people who have been essentially shuffled aside.*

*"The City of Oakland now has the audacity to want our senior citizens to pay for the recreation. For example, senior citizens must pay $2.50 each to ride the bus to the Pleasanton County Fair, which trip is allegedly sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Black Panther Party says NO! Senior citizens, like everyone, have a right to have a fruitful life.*

*"Therefore, today Bobby Seale, candidate for Mayor of Oakland, and myself, Elaine Brown, candidate for City Council, announce that the Black Panther Party, which has always supported the struggle of senior citizens of Oakland to realize their rights, is taking a concrete step in joining this struggle by providing free bussing for our senior citizens to the Pleasanton County Fair. We say that a city government which doesn't serve the needs and desires of the people, young or old, is not a government of, for or by the people. WE SUPPORT SENIOR POWER! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"*

*With this, the Black Panther Party transported forty-five senior citizens to the Pleasanton County Fair, after picking them up from the Satellite Center (a center where aged people are "graciously" allowed to congregate and live together). The aged passengers were so moved by this gesture of love and respect, by the fact that the Black Panther Party recognized their humanity, that they pulled together what money they had and presented the Black Panther Party with a fifteen dollar donation, for the Survival Programs. It was beautiful; the people had been served.*

*The Black Panther Party will continue to move forward in supporting the rights of the aged, for their problems are many.*

*An example of these problems occurred, in fact, just one day before the Pleasanton County Fair, when a group of mostly Black senior citizens attended the Berkeley (California) Community Development Council's (B.C.D.C.) meeting. They had gone to find out where were the funds that had been allocated to them last year to obtain a place to meet from week to week, have recreation, and just enjoy each others' company in general. The B.C.D.C. Board meeting was the only logical place left for the senior citizens to go, because their requests had been ignored. What had happened is that the Office of Economic Opportunity (O.E.O.) had received its annual funds from the federal government, to allocate to local agencies to "aid the poor". In this case, the O.E.O. is supposed to have given a portion of these funds to the Berkeley Community Development Council, which in turn is to have decided what exact amount of monies given them will be allocated to what poverty programs. Up until now senior citizens of Berkeley have never received any funding through B.C.D.C., although they were supposed to.*

*All of this was brought to light at the recent Board meeting (July 6th) by Suzy Gaines, a Black sister in her 60's. Sister Gaines led the group of aged Black people in attendance. They had wanted a place to meet simply because they had had no place to come together to talk about things or enjoy appropriate recreation. This is certainly a reasonable enough request; but even this had been met with quibbling and vacillation on the part of some former B.C.D.C. Board members. The four Black Panther Party members, who were recently elected to the B.C.D.C. Board, by the Berkeley community, however, joined Sister Gaines in changing the situation. Supporting vehemently the requests of the senior citizens, Ericka*



*The City of Oakland wanted senior citizens to pay $2.50 each for the trip to the Pleasanton County Fair. The Black Panther Party stepped in and transported the senior citizens there, free of charge.*

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*Supporting vehemently the requests of senior citizens for B.C.D.C. funding, for a meeting place of their own, are four Black Panther Party members elected to the B.C.D.C. Board by the Berkeley community. Left to right: ERICKA HUGGINS, HERMAN SMITH, AUDREA JONES, AND WILLIAM ROBERTS.*

# THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SUPPORTS SENIOR POWER!

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*Huggins, Herman Smith, William Roberts, and Audrea Jones demanded the Senior Citizens be given their just demands. The Black Panther Party believes that senior citizens should be granted all that they ask, anything that gives them a more comfortable life, because they have a right to live. To deny them this is, in fact, to deny them life!*

*As a result of this united struggle, Suzy Gaines, for the time being, is the Interim Director of the Senior Citizens Program. She was originally appointed to this position by the B.C.D.C. Board, which, however, had planned to "relieve" her of this position, until the four Black Panther Party members on the Board intervened. It seems that the reactionary members of the B.C.D.C. Board had decided that Sister Suzy Gaines was, all of a sudden, not "qualified" to be the Director of the Senior Citizens Program, especially since she had shown herself to be so vocal in the interests of the aged.*

*More ridiculous than all of this is the fact that in order to become the Director of the Senior Citizens Program, senior citizen participants must be interviewed by a person who afterwards fills out a form, a ridiculous piece of paper, which asks such asinine and irrelevant questions as what are the applicant's "mannerisms", "appearance", and "qualifications". This putrid form had been endorsed by backward elements of the B.C.D.C.*

*Suzy Gaines' qualifications for the directorship come not from a piece of paper, but from the endorsement of those she serves. This is the only requirement she needs to be the Director of the Senior Citizens Program. The people, and the progressive members of the B.C.D.C. Board, therefore, stand behind her one hundred percent.*

*At that July 6th meeting, it was finally decided that the members of the Senior Citizens Program will be delivered the promised funds (The Senior Citizens Program was to have been handled through the Berkeley Model Cities Program, which couldn't do so. As a result, Model Cities turned the project over to B.C.D.C., which meant $55,000. for the Senior Citizens, while B.C.D.C. was to collect $7,000. for handling the project.) However, it was discovered that the allocated money was not available to give. Where had the money gone? The people will find out. In the meantime, funds will be ear-marked (to be given at a later date) for the Senior Citizens Program.*

*Where is the money that the B.C.D.C. Board is supposed to have had? What happened to it? How was it spent, since the oppressed community of senior citizens never received any of it? This is what the people and the Panthers and other enlightened members of the B.C.D.C. Board want to know. We do know that with over $300,000. allocated last year to B.C.D.C., $190,000. went to pay salaries and "travel expenses" of some B.C.D.C. Board members, and other expenditures marked "necessary expenditures". This is absurd, and the people will not tolerate it!*

*The next funding period of the Berkeley Community Development Council begins on August 30th, 1972. At this time, we do not know how much federal government funding will be allocated to B.C.D.C.; but, on August 30th, whatever amount is given, the lion's share must and will go to the people.*

*The senior citizens of Oakland and Berkeley should not have to scrape and bow to anyone for what is rightfully theirs in the first place. With the help of the Black Panther Party and other concerned people, they will no longer have to.*

*ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE*

# WORKERS STRIKE TO CURE KAISER HOSPITAL



*CHAIRMAN BOBBY AND ELAINE BROWN held a press conference in support of the exploited Kaiser Hospital workers.*




*The Black Panther Party, in unity with the striking Kaiser workers, offered to man the picket lines with 500 people.*

There has been a workers' strike in progress at the Oakland Kaiser Foundation Hospital, located at Broadway Street and MacArthur Boulevard, in Oakland, California. The strike, conducted by about 900 members of the Office and Professional Employees' Union, Local 29, was called in answer to Kaiser Hospital's unwillingness to meet the demands of its workers. This is not a surprising development, the fact that Kaiser workers had to take to the streets. Kaiser Hospital's only concern has always been how much profit it could pull in for itself. The welfare of its workers and patients always ran a poor second and third to this.

Kaiser Hospital has a long history of exploiting its workers, and denying medical treatment to the Black, poor and oppressed community of Oakland. Money, above medical care, is the Kaiser motto and its practice. It is no different than any other racist hospital in America; they all operate in the same way.

Because the Black Panther Party supports the struggle of exploited workers, the Party participated, along with many community people, on July 5th, 1972, in the picket lines the striking Kaiser workers had formed. The Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, and Minister of Information, Elaine Brown, led a group of community people and Panthers, all carrying signs in support of the Kaiser Hospital workers who had walked off their jobs, in the picketing, and then held a press conference. The Chairman said:

"As a candidate for Mayor of Oakland, I and Elaine Brown go forth to demand that the second class citizenship treatment that the Kaiser office workers are receiving from the money rich racist bosses of Kaiser be ended and that the community at large stand in support of the full demands of the workers. They were forced to walk off their jobs and strike. The major issues of dispute are:

*Seniority Rights
*Union Pension Plan: A Better Plan at No Extra Cost to the Employer
*Sick Leave
*Adequate Health Plan and Dental Care
*Maternity Leave Benefits
*Job Protection Against Loss of Work by Subcontracting
*Rights of Members to Have Steward Representation

"Kaiser has refused to provide its clerical employees with the comparable benefits given to salaried employees. The workers refuse to be treated as second class employees and we candidates for city offices of Oakland fully support them, one with the community people. Too long have we, the many millions, stood idle and let the racist exploiters of Kaiser, and others, treat workers and community people as degraded, second class citizens, even when employed and unemployed."

In closing, Chairman Bobby told

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# BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM

# MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

**WHAT WE WANT** **WHAT WE BELIEVE**

1. WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that Black and oppressed people will not be free until we are able to determine our destinies in our own communities ourselves, by fully controlling all the institutions which exist in our communities.

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every person employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the American businessmen will not give full employment, then the technology and means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules were promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million Black people. Therefore, we feel this is a modest demand that we make.

4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR THE SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

We believe that if the landlords will not give decent housing to our Black and oppressed communities, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that the people in our communities, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for the people.

5. WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If you do not have knowledge of yourself and your position in the society and the world, then you will have little chance to know anything else.

6. WE WANT COMPLETELY FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL BLACK AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

We believe that the government must provide, free of charge, for the people, health facilities which will not only treat our illnesses, most of which have come about as a result of our oppression, but which will also develop preventative medical programs to guarantee our future survival. We believe that mass health education and research programs must be developed to give all Black and oppressed people access to advanced scientific and medical information, so we may provide ourselves with proper medical attention and care.

7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

We believe that the racist and fascist government of the United States uses its domestic enforcement agencies to carry out its program of oppression against Black people, other people of color and poor people inside the United States. We believe it is our right, therefore, to defend ourselves against such armed forces, and that all Black and oppressed people should be armed for self-defense of our homes and communities against these fascist police forces.

8. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL WARS OF AGGRESSION.

We believe that the various conflicts which exist around the world stem directly from the aggressive desires of the U.S. ruling circle and government to force its domination upon the oppressed people of the world. We believe that if the U.S. government or its lackeys do not cease these aggressive wars that it is the right of the people to defend themselves by any means necessary against their aggressors.

9. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK AND POOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE NOW HELD IN U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND MILITARY PRISONS AND JAILS. WE WANT TRIALS BY A JURY OF PEERS FOR ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH SO-CALLED CRIMES UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY.

We believe that the many Black and poor oppressed people now held in U.S. prisons and jails have not received fair and impartial trials under a racist and fascist judicial system and should be free from incarceration. We believe in the ultimate elimination of all wretched, inhuman penal institutions, because the masses of men and women inprisoned inside the United States or by the U.S. military are the victims of oppressive conditions which are the real cause of their imprisonment. We believe that when persons are brought to trial that they must be guaranteed, by the United States, juries of their peers, attorneys of their choice and freedom from imprisonment while awaiting trials.

10. WE WANT LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, PEACE AND PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CONTROL OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.



# CRITICISM FOR ANGELA FROM THIRD WORLD MEDIA NEWS

*Recently, on K.D.I.A. radio station in San Francisco, California, a tape was aired from Third World Media News which directed criticism toward Angela Davis and her political affiliate, the Communist Party of America.*

*The Black Panther Party takes neither a pro nor con position on Third World Media's criticisms, but prints here in our paper the full text of the tape for the benefit of the Black community, particularly, which in the final analysis, must and will make that pro or con decision:*

"It is known that Angela Davis is a bright, beautiful, and intelligent Black person; and how she chooses the Communist Party to use her image is no one's business, but her own. Third World Media News IS concerned with how the Communist Party has used the Black Press, and then denied them interviews with Angela Davis.

"During Angela Davis' fight for freedom, many of us in the Black media were also fighting; we were fighting a corrupt, racist, one-sided communications system that was trying her case and passing judgment on her long before her trial had started. These very same establishment radio and television programs that Angela sought to appear on were the same programs that the Black communicators had had bitter fights with because of their one-sided and, if any, racist projection of her. Many of the Black communicators felt that Angela Davis should have at least given us an equal interview with her upon her release. We did keep Black America informed, when no one else would. We did it because a Black person was in trouble; not because we believed in Angela Davis' politics.

"We're not mad at Angela Davis, but we are concerned over the treatment the Black communicators have received from her Party. Charlene Mitchell, Executive Secretary of the Angela Davis Legal Defense Committee and a member of the Communist Party, told Third World Media News, on June 24th, the following: 'I also want to say that during that time, that Angela has expressed to me that she wants very much to come up and express her appreciation with you; so, at that time you'll have a chance to talk with her, because she is aware of all that you have done, in terms of coverage of her case...' ...A talk that Black America will never hear because of a promise never kept.

"During Angela Davis' recent cross country tour, we found the price of the engagements to be out of the reach of the poor people. Many of them gave help, when they could least afford it. If Angela Davis should ever need us again, we will be there; but, with some reservation. We also ask Angela Davis to reflect on a past Black Communist hero, of whom we hear very little today. He is ill, broken in spirits and apparently tossed aside and forgotten by your Party. His name, Paul Robeson.

"This is a commentary from Third World Media News. This is Chuck Moore, Executive Director, reporting."

# A PROGRAM FOR SURVIVAL





**THE INTERCOMMUNAL YOUTH INSTITUTE**

Provides Black and other oppressed children with a scientific method of thinking and analyzing things, basic skills for living in the society and a concrete alternative to established learning institutions.

**FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Provides children a free, hot breakfast every school morning.

**FREE BUSSING TO PRISONS PROGRAM**

Provides free transportation to prisons for families and friends of incarcerated men and women.

**FREE COMMISSARY FOR PRISONERS PROGRAM**

Provides imprisoned men and women with the funds to purchase necessary commissary items inside the prison.

**LEGAL AID EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Provides full legal assistance to those involved in legal problems, as well as legal aid classes.

**PEOPLE'S FREE CLOTHING PROGRAM**

Provides new, stylish and quality clothing free to the people.

**THE DAVID HILLIARD PEOPLE'S FREE SHOE PROGRAM**

Provides free shoes to the people made at the David Hilliard Free Shoe factory and elsewhere.

**THE ANGELA DAVIS PEOPLE'S FREE FOOD PROGRAM**

Provides free food to Black and other oppressed people.

**THE PEOPLE'S FREE MEDICAL RESEARCH HEALTH CLINICS**

Provides free medical treatment and preventative medical care for the people.

**LIBERATION SCHOOLS**

Provides free educational facilities and materials to Black and other oppressed children to promote a correct view of their role in the society.

**INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS SERVICE**

Provides news and information about the Black and other oppressed communities throughout the U.S. and the world.

**THE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Instituted to test and establish a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia, to create better educational programs around Sickle Cell Anemia and maintain an advisory committee of doctors already researching Sickle Cell Anemia.

**PEOPLE'S FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free, 24-hour speedy transportation to people in need of emergency medical care.

**FREE PLUMBING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free plumbing and repair services to improve people's housing conditions.

**PEOPLE'S FREE DENTAL PROGRAM:**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free dental check-ups and treatment for the people, as well as an educational program for dental hygiene and preventative dental care.

**PEOPLE'S FREE OPTOMETRY PROGRAM:**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free eye examinations, treatment and eye correctional equipment (glasses, etc.) for the people.

**PEOPLE'S FREE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free job-finding services to poor and oppressed people, who cannot find work.

**COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

(Being Implemented)

Provides decent housing, cooperatively owned and managed by the resident families.

**PEOPLE'S FREE FURNITURE PROGRAM:**

(Being Implemented)

Provides free, decent furniture to improve our living standards.

**PEOPLE'S FREE LINEN PROGRAM:**

(Being Implemented)

Provides new sheets, towels, blankets, etc. free to the people, to make daily living more healthy and comfortable.

# WORKERS STRIKE TO CURE KAISER HOSPITAL

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the striking Kaiser Hospital workers that, whenever they requested, the Black Panther Party would man the picket lines with 500 people.

Ironically, just as the press conference ended, a sister by the name of Brenda Hudson came up to Chairman Bobby and Elaine Brown, and spoke of the racist treatment she had just received from Kaiser Hospital. Sister Brenda Hudson had gone to Kaiser Hospital to receive treatment for a very bad recurring headache. She was told by a hospital official that she could not receive treatment there (although she has the "almighty" Kaiser Card), and that Kaiser Hospital was only taking in "extreme emergency cases", such as heart attack victims. Sister Hudson had been going back and forth to Kaiser Hospital up until July 5th, when they decided to discontinue her treatment. In all the time that she has gone there, she has not received one x-ray of her head, which means (other than the fact that the hospital has no concern for her life), that they cannot even diagnose what is wrong with her.

Brenda Hudson's headaches began at the end of last year, when she was involved in a car accident, her head having gone through the car windshield. Kaiser Hospital refused to see her then, even though she had Kaiser Hospital coverage. Instead, Brenda wound up going to Highland County Hospital, in Oakland, which is really no better than Kaiser.

So now, Kaiser Hospital says it is only treating "emergency cases", but they have never really treated Black and poor people in the first place. The Kaiser Hospital racist administration is turning patients away during the workers' strike to confuse the people. They want the people to believe that it is the striking Kaiser Hospital workers' fault that they cannot receive medical attention, in order to create a division in the community, so that the Kaiser workers will not have community support. The insanity of this is that it is the hospital workers that are on strike, not the racist doctors. They are still at Kaiser, waiting for the strike to end, so that they can resume making big money profits. The Kaiser Hospital strike is nearing completion, a tentative settlement having been reached between Kaiser Hospital and Union Local 29 Kaiser employees, on the night of July 8th, 1972.

We hope that all of the striking workers' demands are met. If not, and they decide to continue the strike, we further hope that the oppressed community, in general, will stand in unity with them.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

# CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS EXPOSES GOVERNMENT CRIMES

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*cities to claim their rights. Then, last year, HUD chose 20 of the147 Model Cities to participate in the "Planned Variation" (PV) phase of the program. "PV" cities do not have to follow most Model Cities program requirements, including the hard-won right of citizens to participate in the renewal of their own neighborhoods. The Administration is again anticipating legislation which has not been passed in this "experiment".*

*LABOR AND MANPOWER*

*JOBS Program: The Congressional intent in the Job Opportunities in the Business Sector dictated that participating business firms would be held accountable for their performance and that the program was to focus on poor people who lack previous training. Instead, DOL has abdicated completely to private industry, which also chooses trainees with job experience and education, and also often drops them as soon as the federal supplement is exhausted, instead of providing them with legitimate jobs as intended by the legislation.*

*LAW ENFORCEMENT*

*The Law Enforcement Administration Act (LEAA): has been administered by the Justice Department in clear violation of Congressional interest. The program was instituted to provide comprehensive funding assistance to all agencies involved in the criminal justice system. However, as administered LEAA is overwhelmingly a police assistance program, which may result in law enforcement apparatus inappropriate in a democracy. After four years of operation several Congressional mandates have not been implemented: a nationwide information system about reforms in the criminal justice system, an evaluation system to monitor use of LEAA money and the establishment of standards to guide the expenditure of LEAA action money.*

*HEALTH*

*Hill Burton Program: This bill, passed in 1946, provides federal funds for hospital construction. It requires that any institution receiving these funds agree to provide services to the poor in the facilities constructed. Neither HEW's Surgeon General nor most state health agencies have any guidelines for determining compliance with this requirement.*

*IRS Tax Exemption: To receive a tax exemption as a "charitable" institution, hospitals must grant free care to the poor, similar to the Hill-Burton requirement above. Many that receive exemptions do not provide such services.*

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# PEOPLE'S PETITION

## FOR IMMEDIATE PAROLE OF BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND WITH A RETRIAL JURY OF HIS PEER-GROUP.

*WE THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY INTERCOMMUNALISM, DO HEREBY REDRESS OUR GRIEVANCE AND PETITION THE COURTS OF AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT AND PAROLE BOARD: THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON INCARCERATION IN THE CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES ON PAROLE OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND.*

*BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD, POLITICAL PRISONER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, WAS IN FACT WRONGFULLY CONVICTED ON FALSE CHARGES BY A PREDOMINATELY WHITE RACIST JURY, AS ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND BLACK COMMUNITY WERE SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATED FROM THE JURY SELECTION PROCESS IN HIS TRIAL.*

*IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREFORE PETITION THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE GRANTED HIS HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THAT IS, PAROLE FROM PRISON OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND BY THE AMERICAN COURTS PENDING APPEAL OF HIS CASE BEFORE HIGHER COURTS, AND THAT HIS RETRIAL JURY BE OF HIS PEERS, A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.*

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